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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION

TUCSON – Jesse Leroy Davis, Jr., 30, of Marana, Ariz., was sentenced here on August 15 to 24 months in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release, by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury. Davis had pleaded guilty on February 7 to two counts: Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Felon in Possession of Ammunition.

On November 20, 2005, near Tucson, Pima County Sheriff's Deputies made a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Jesse Leroy Davis, Jr. was a passenger. During their contact with Davis, Deputies discovered nine rounds of .357 Magnum caliber ammunition in a sock in his right front pants pocket. They further discovered a handgun under the passenger seat in which Davis had been sitting at the time of the traffic stop. The firearm is identified as a Taurus .357 caliber revolver, with an obliterated serial number. Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms determined that both the firearm and the ammunition rounds were manufactured outside the state of Arizona and therefore, traveled in interstate or foreign commerce to be present within the state of Arizona. Davis has prior felony convictions which make it illegal for him to possess a firearm or ammunition, including: (1) Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, in Pima County Superior Court on May 14, 1998; and (2) Robbery, in Pima County Superior Court on May 22, 2001.

Davis's prosecution is part of the District of Arizona's Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), an illegal firearms enforcement program. The effectiveness of Project Safe Neighborhoods in Arizona is based on the ability of federal, state, and local agencies to cooperate in a unified offensive that is led by the U.S. Attorney. Through ongoing partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, the U.S. Attorney is implementing a series of strategies that are contoured to fit the specific gun crime problems throughout Arizona. The investigation in this case was conducted by the Pima County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Jennifer J. Maldonado, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona.

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